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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant requests entry of the following remarks. Claims 1, 3-5, 14-17, 2426 and 32-34 remain in this application.

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1, 3-5, 14-17, 24-26 and 32-34 under the doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-8 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,477,930, Applicant has elected to file a Terminal Disclaimer, which is filed under separate cover.

Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable action to that end is respectfully requested.

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